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Delighted local shoppers

Tara Cameron and her daughter Renae were thrilled to accept the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Extravaganza draw's grand prize of a trip for a family of four to Disneyland from treasurer Lesia Porcina (left) and vice-president Shirley Harms.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO

Tara Cameron wins Chamber's Disneyland trip

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Shopping locally this Christmas paid off in a big way for local resident Tara Cameron, whose name was drawn from a massive box of entries by Chamber of Commerce president Sandy Smith to win the grand prize of a trip for a family of four to Disneyland.

Chamber vice-president Shirley Harms and treasurer Lesia Porcina presented the delighted winner and her daughter Renae with the gift bag containing all the information they'll need to book their trip, and congratulated her husband Dean as he drove up to share in the celebration.

The Camerons will be waiting a while to take their trip, until sometime after the birth of their second child in February.

The Chamber executive was all on hand for the noontime draw at Elk Point Co-op, and as Santa stirred up the entries prior to the draw, agreed not to count the entries, as they have done the past two years for both Extravaganza and the month-long Shop Locally contests held in June.

"Wherever they're from, they shopped in Elk Point, and we're very glad they did," Smith said.



Treasurer Lesia Porcina, president Sandy Smith, Santa, secretary Vicki Brooker and vice-president Shirley Harms presided at the big draw on Christmas Eve.

WAYNE YAREMEVICH PHOTO

Looking back at the headlines from Alberta's Centennial year

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

It's time to look back at the news that made the headlines in 2005 - a year of many celebrations and outstanding triumphs, mixed with economic concerns and moments of profound sadness.

January

The year began with pleas of help for the victims of the South East Asian tsunami... Alberta mourned the passing of Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. Lois Hole... Danielle Schnurer was named as one of Alberta's 100 Centennial ambassadors... Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club kept traditions alive and strong with their well-attended Malanka celebration... Chamber of Commerce attendance doubled when RCMP Sgt. Brian Quist, FCCS director Deanna Easthope, F. G. Miller High School principal Jim Hawkins and School Board trustee Darrell Youngmans visited the meeting to discuss rumours of drug use by Elk Point's young people.

February

Leonard Gadowski skipped his way to a second consecutive Oilmen's Bonspiel win... Al Pankiw was named Elk Point Oilmen's Association Oilman of the Year... F. G. Miller students hosted a tremendously successful tsunami aid concert... Unfortunately, the Chamber didn't have similar luck, and canceled the dinner portion of their "From the Heart" tsunami fundraiser, with a very small crowd attending the jamboree... Students from St. Charles École

Secondaire in Pont-Rouge, Quebec came to FGM on the first portion of their exchange... The editor marked 25 years of Elk Point news coverage... A newly established joint Town and County committee had a \$20,000 budget to assist community recreation groups... Sandy Smith was eventually persuaded to take the position of Chamber president, after five nominees declined the honour.

March

A long lineup of oldies but goodies took to the Iron Horse Trail for a vintage snowmobile run to Lindbergh after they were displayed with pride at the staging area... Chelsea Schnurer, Robyn Ockerman and Kayla Gibson were the winners at Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's annual public speaking competition... Staging area partners brought along their shopping lists to work on a joint vision for development... The Chamber was enthused over a decision to purchase the former Myrnam train station and refurbish it as the cornerstone of the staging area... Elk Point Community Choir presented a Canadian classic to packed audiences, as they presented "Anne of Green Gables" at their annual dinner theatre... Community support was offered to the local RCMP when four officers were shot at Mayerthorpe... Construction of gazebos at Elk Point and Ashmont staging areas was approved by County council... Elk Point Skating Club had a beach party on ice at their annual ice carnival... Elk Point and District Lions received Town approval for a large lighted sign with advertising, time, temperature and community

events... Tori Becker won the Alex Kurash Memorial award at the Minor Hockey windup... The 1994-95 provincial champion Bantam Lightning team was reunited for an afternoon and evening of fun both on and off the ice.

April

Canadian Salt's Lindbergh works was awarded the Salt Institute's coveted Outstanding Safety Achievement award for 700,000 worker-hours without a lost-time accident... Willie Lesyk skipped the winners at the windup funspiel as Elk Point Curling Club wound down their operation for another year... Thomas Kondla told the Chamber that if they were successful in bringing the 1927 vintage Myrnam station to Elk Point, it would be the only one of that plan to be preserved in Alberta... The Town continued its efforts toward becoming a good, clean and fun community, with infrastructure improvements, recycling and a skateboard park on their monthly meeting agenda... The Review was named one of eight Canadian weekly newspapers in the 'Circulation up to 1249' bracket to win a blue ribbon award for general excellence from the Canadian Community Newspapers Association... Northern Lights Library System offered seldom-used space in their headquarters building for development of a cultural performance and activity venue... Elk Point's countless volunteers were recognized in their special week... Singer, songwriter and musician Corbin Poitras placed first in the Talent Explosion.

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Headline news of 2005

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May

Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department announced that they had raised \$5,500 with their gala Firefighters' Ball.... County council passed a good-news 2005

budget featuring a small surplus, debt reduction and reduction of residential mill rates... The Chamber agreed to add a flea market to their Community Garage Sale lineup... A week of progress for the staging area saw an

access bridge installed, footings and pilings installed for the Elk Point Trailriders' cabin, a concrete wood bin installed and the site excavated for the gazebo... The Lions Journey for Sight netted \$1,404.10... 4-H members made a clean sweep of Moosehills Road on the annual highway cleanup day... Town Council gave all three readings to a bylaw prohibiting the use of jake brakes within Town limits... Oilpatch rumours were addressed at a special Chamber meeting after new oilfield contracts were seen as having the potential to make a tremendous economic impact on the community... Tax rates dropped for all Elk Point ratepayers... RCMP Cst. Justin Tremblay visited the Chamber for a special presentation on prevention of credit card fraud... "Your mountain is waiting" was the theme for the four-member graduating class at Heinsburg Community School... The entire student body of Elk Point

Elementary School was part of a National Physical Activity Day effort to set a new Guinness world record for the most people walking at the same time... REACH Corporation approved a \$2,000 donation toward the Elk Point Chamber's month-long Shop Locally campaign.

June

Cousins Jared Vallee and Brittany Houle showed the Grand and Reserve Champion steers at Elk Point 4-H Club's beef achievement day, with Shaun Robinson taking home the Supreme and Reserve champion female trophies... The sixth annual Elk Point Emergency Services golf tournament was a sellout, with 135 golfers on hand... The first-ever helicopter was added to the lineup at Elk Point Auto Club Show and Shine... Thirteen graduates and 18 Grade 9 promees celebrated the promise of tomorrow at Frog Lake Napawaew Comprehensive School...Elk Point

Trailriders achieved a long-term goal when their cabin was moved onto the staging area site... F. G. Miller Crusaders saluted a combined 75 years of service at farewell ceremonies for principal Jim Hawkins, teacher Lawrence Pidluzny and custodian Alex Yarmuch... FGM's first-ever sports banquet saw the best of the best in six sports honoured for athletic prowess and sportsmanship... Elk Point 4-H celebrated 40 years of "learning to do by doing" at their year-end windup barbecue... There was thunder without and moonlight within FGM's castle at Prom 2005, with 29 knights and ladies honoured at the end of their high school careers... Well over 300 awards went home with Elk Point Elementary's top students as they headed home for summer vacation.

July

New features, including a Strong Man competition, fur trade games, Tug of the Century and farm survival race highlighted the 2005

Canada Day celebration... Elk Point, and later Heinsburg, were stops on the Trans Canada Trail Centennial Relay... Weather plagued not only the Trail relay, but the Girls' Bantam D, Pee wee and Midget Boys baseball provincial tournaments and the Frog Lake Powwow... The Alberta Centennial Antique Auto Tour, however, enjoyed sunny skies as they rolled into Elk Point for a brief stop... More campsites, walking trails and benches were suggested as priorities of the Town's Sponsorship 2005 funding... Elk Point Chamber punctuated their summer recess with a series of special meetings regarding the train station project, with all progress put on hold in a wait for environmental tests of the two potential sites.

August

Not only fine arts, but other arts from martial arts to quilting were part of the concept for the new Allied Arts Society as they met to make plans for development of the Northern Lights Library's excess space into a facility which would serve all forms of art... A total of 94 full sized quilts and quilted items were on display at the quilt show which accompanied the Elk Point Fair, where the grand aggregate award went to Christina Brown for a second consecutive year... Almost a decade after wagon trains ambled along the back roads and tree-shaded trails north and east of Elk Point, the Happy Trails Reunion brought participants together for a bittersweet reunion.... Oilmen's Golf Tournament pioneer Marshall Kachmar was honoured at the 22nd annual tourney, where Shawn Franklin won the championship flight... Rain plagued the Métis Nation of Alberta Centennial Journey 2005 wagon trek as it made its slow and soggy way through the Heinsburg and Elk Point areas en route to a grand celebration at Métis Crossing, near Fort Victoria... A "huge improvement" in attendance over the previous year was noted as the weather brightened up for Forts Des Prairies Jamboree... Burgundy mortarboards sailed ceilingward as 25 graduates of F. G. Miller High School celebrated the successful end of their high school careers.

September

A huge celebration marked Alberta's Centennial, with a Town-sponsored barbecue followed by a stage show, awards for preservers of history and for babies born in Centennial year, and a spectacular fireworks display... Area grandparents were celebrated on their own special day... The new rescue van was ordered as a \$75,000 provincial grant and \$5,000 from CCS Energy Services boosted the fundraising efforts...

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Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying Initiative

Prevention Initiative for promoting healthy family lifestyle choices in building quality of life, personal well-being and to begin the healing process for children and families.

Services Provided:

- Individual and Group Counselling
- Life Skills Facilitation Workshops
- Aboriginal Cultural Holistic Approach Facilitation Workshops
- Talking Circles
- Elder Support Services
- Directing Individuals to Appropriate Services and Referrals
- Establishing Collaborative Partnership of Zone II Community Service Agencies

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When you see this, you've got reason to smile



Record year for Servus Credit Union

Servus Credit Union is coming off a record year.

Members' share of the profits totaled \$918,900.00!

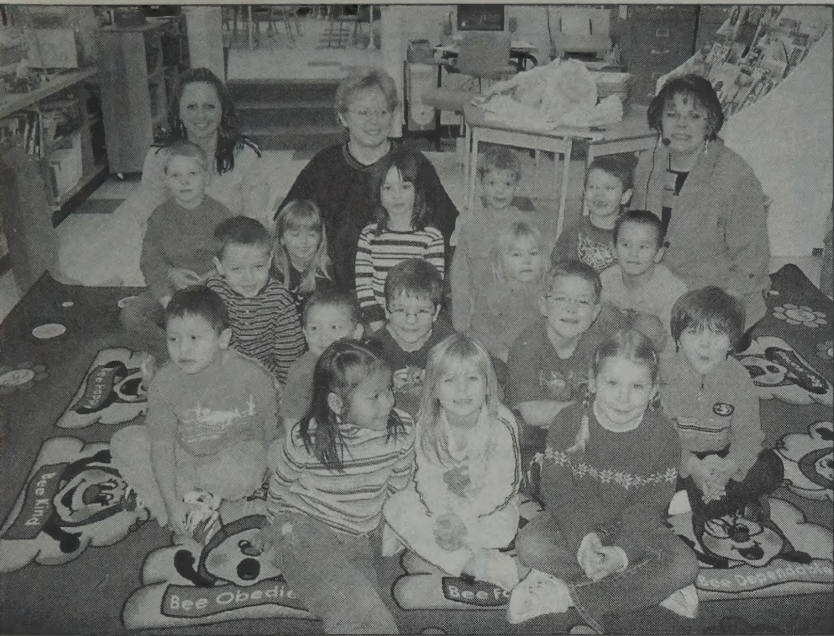
The Board declared a dividend payment of 4.141% on all member invested common shares. The total of \$99,550.00 was paid to member common share accounts on November 30, 2005.

The remaining \$819,400.00 was paid to member accounts on December 12, 2005 at the following rates:

- 5% rebate on loan interest paid
- 10% rebate on service fees paid
- 10% bonus on savings and investment interest received

Check your December statement to see what your share is!

Membership = Ownership and you share in the profits.



E-Can brightens ECS classroom

December 12, 2005 was an exciting day in Elk Point Elementary School's Kindergarten when a very large package arrived. The children, with the assistance of E-Can's Karen Bjornstad, (back row, centre) eagerly unpacked the new "Busy Bee" carpet for our classroom. Thank you to Greg Fuller and E-Can Oilfield Services for generously donating this wonderful carpet to the Elk Point Elementary E.C.S. classroom. The children, some of whom are shown above with ECS teacher Emma Holota (far right) and assistant Kelly Rinas, love the bright colors and the Bee Hives that teach morals and values.

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Crystal Meth info sessions next week

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Two sessions on the growing problem of Crystal Meth addiction are planned for Thursday, January 12, with RCMP Staff Sgt. Ian Sanderson of 'K' Division and Audrey (Holliday) Bjornstad as knowledgeable guest speakers. The first session will be held at F. G. Miller High School at 1:30 p.m. for students and staff, with a public awareness session at 7:00 p.m. at the Seniors Recreation Centre.

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JAN. 9, 10 & 11**

Reminder: Chamber meets noon Wednesday



Stand up for Change
Conservative
Stand up for Canada

Brian Storseth
Westlock - St. Paul

Brian Storseth welcomed the announcement Dec. 21, 2005 by Conservative leader Stephen Harper to replace the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program (CAIS) with a new income stabilization program and introduce a separate disaster relief program, adding \$500 million a year annually to farm support programs. A Conservative government will also require five per cent renewable content such as ethanol and biodiesel in gasoline and diesel fuels by 2010.

- A Conservative government will:
- Replace CAIS with separate farm income stabilization and disaster relief programs. The new income stabilization program will be simpler, more responsive program that properly addresses the cost of production, market revenue and inventory evaluation. The federal government should be ready to pitch in when disaster strikes, funding disaster relief separately, above and beyond its income stabilization program;
 - Commit an additional \$500 million annually to farm support programs;
 - Continue with the \$755 million in emergency assistance to grain and oilseed producers announced on November 23, 2005, and ensure that this money reaches farmers as quickly as possible;
 - Ensure that agricultural industries that choose to operate under domestic supply management remain viable. Canada needs efficient production planning, market-based returns to producers, and predictable imports to operate domestic supply management systems;
 - Give western grain farmers the freedom to make their own marketing and transportation decisions. Western grain farmers should be able to participate voluntarily in the Canadian Wheat Board;
 - Defend Canada's agricultural sectors when negotiating international trade agreements. A Conservative government will seek better market access for Canadian agricultural and agri-food products in foreign markets. We will support the phased reduction of all trade-distorting barriers and the rapid elimination of all agriculture export subsidies. We will pursue strong, rules-based trade liberalization in conjunction with all other countries that are members of the World Trade Organization;
 - Implement a Green Cover Crop Program to protect prairie farmers. Severe flooding in both Saskatchewan and Manitoba has adversely affected the opportunity for farmers to harvest their normal crop. A Green Crop Cover Program will create a compensation fund for farmers facing crop damage caused by severe flooding; and
 - Require 5 per cent average renewable content in Canadian gasoline and diesel fuel, such as ethanol and biodiesel by 2010.

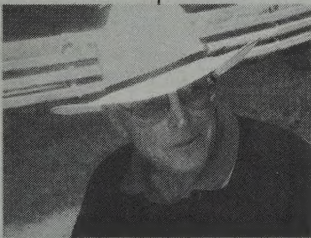
Brian will be in the following communities this week:

St. Paul - January 2 Bonnyville - January 3 Redwater - January 4
Gibbons - January 5 Westlock - January 6 Morinville - January 7

To join the Conservative Team contact:
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Cleaning the Air Together



Reg Watson, founding member of the Parkland Airshed Management Zone

"I think they've done a tremendous job," says Reg Watson, who owns a half section 11 kilometres east of Sundre, Alberta. Watson, a 15-year resident of the area, is talking about the oil and gas industry's record on venting.

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) recently announced that in 2004 venting of solution gas from oil production was down by almost half since 2000. Flaring was down 72 per cent since 1996.

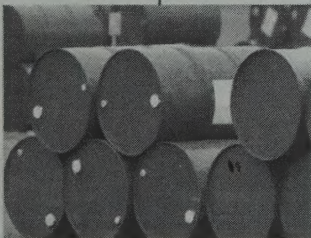
Solution gas is an unavoidable by-product of oil production. In the past, disposing of it meant releasing it into the atmosphere (venting) or burning it off (flaring). Today, 96 per cent of solution gas is conserved or sold, the highest conservation level in six years. Great news considering a record year of new wells in Alberta — 18,572 in 2004.

Before numbers like these, Watson was skeptical of industry's concern for cleaner air. So much so, that he became a founding member of the Parkland Airshed Management Zone, a regional air quality group. The group works closely with the Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA), a nonprofit multi-stakeholder organization committed to managing Alberta's air quality.

Since becoming involved, his opinions have changed. "We are all working together to improve air quality in the province," he says. "The oil and gas industry has made great improvements."

To learn more about the EUB visit www.eub.gov.ab.ca or call (403) 297-8311. For more information on CASA go to www.casahome.org.

Who Sets the Crude Oil Prices?



Crude oil prices are determined by supply and demand worldwide.

Canada produces more oil than we consume. Then why is it sold to Canadians at world market prices?

The answer is that crude oil is a global commodity. It trades in a worldwide marketplace where the price is determined by supply and demand. Growth in world demand is outpacing growth in supply. A strong global economy needs oil to fuel vehicles and make products from tires to asphalt.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which produces about 40 per cent of the world's oil, also influences prices by setting the production levels of its members. Other factors, like damage to U.S. production facilities from Hurricane Katrina, have reduced supplies this year.

Why can't we have a 'made-in-Canada' price?

"Interfering in the market to keep prices below world levels would discourage investment in Canada, and mean fewer jobs and lower tax and royalty revenues for governments," says Colleen Killingsworth, President of the Canadian Centre for Energy Information.

The impact in Alberta would be enormous.

The \$25 billion the industry invested in Alberta in 2005 contributes to a vibrant economy creating jobs and more revenues for governments. Without the \$13.2 billion Alberta is forecasted to receive from oil and gas in 2005-06, the province would need to charge a 25 per cent provincial sales tax to generate the same revenue.

For more information visit www.centreforenergy.com or www.energy.gov.ab.ca.

EDITORIAL

Four and a half for five - can we do that well in 2006?

How did we do on the resolution made in the first issue of 2005? Yes, we sent assistance to tsunami victims. Yes, we celebrated Alberta's Centennial with memorable events. Yes, we did our best to showcase the area to incoming tourists, even spreading the word as far as Jasper and Calgary. Yes, we worked on the Iron Horse Trail staging area, although it is definitely still a work in progress. And yes, the majority of us continued to enjoy life in small town Alberta. That's five - or at least four and a half - for five. Can we do that well in 2006? That, no doubt, depends on the resolutions.

With any luck, in 2006 we can...

■ Bring new businesses to town, and thus entice new residents to establish homes here, with the help of our new economic development officer.

■ See new homes going up in our new subdivision, as soon as streets and utilities are laid out and lots go on stream, thanks to the Town keeping careful watch on the building lot availability.

■ Congratulate the Elk Point volunteer firefighters on achieving their goal of a new and larger rescue van, with the help of many, many donors and fundraisers.

■ Develop a lineup of events and projects that will be a fitting tribute to our community's centennial in 2007. With the experience some of us had with the 1992 Bicentennial, this should be a snap.

■ Make that four-and-a-half a five, with the completion of the staging area and a new station becoming a reality. All together, now....

WAY BACK WHEN...

First Nights and fee hikes

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3 IN...

1986

The year started off with revamped garbage collection operations for the Town, with a user-pay system for household waste and the option of containerized collection or hauling one's own waste materials to the landfill, for businesses. Andy Mikitka's Ravine Drive display was the residential winner of the Chamber's lighting and decorating contest.

1991

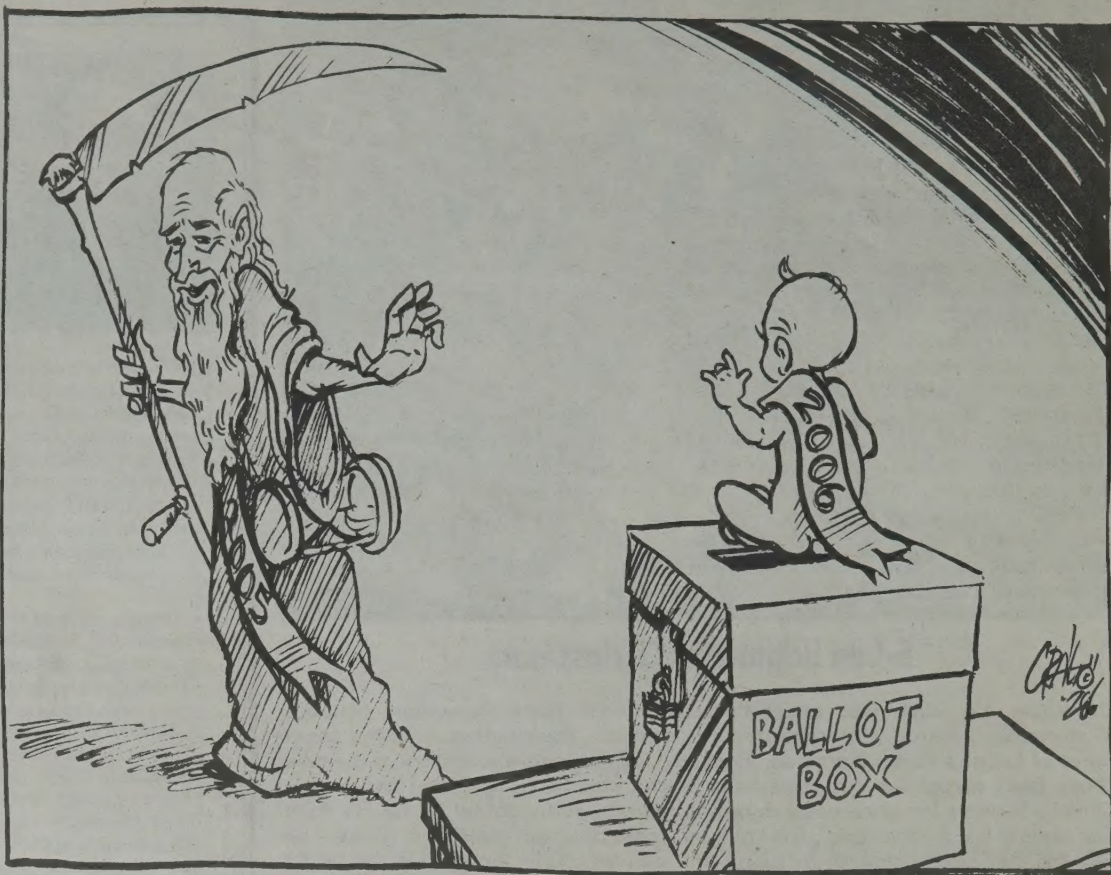
Elk Point's business, trade and occupation licensing fees underwent a dramatic increase of between 50 and 600 percent, with the biggest jump for non-food-product hawkers and those holding circuses, carnivals or exhibitions. Kitscoty wound up the old year by winning the Norcen Cup peewee tournament.

1996

Elk Point's second annual First Night Festival drew a huge, happy crowd to all four venues, with everything from dogsled rides to Native dancers to a display of heirloom fabric art, winding up with a breathtaking fireworks display. Elk Point's UGG elevators closed their doors December 31, after serving the community's farmers for 68 years.

2001

Exchange students from Germany, Australia and Switzerland were honoured at F. G. Miller's Christmas brunch. When the County of St. Paul decided not to join the Northern Lights Library System, NLLS upped the non-res-



GUEST COLUMN

The onward path to 2006

Today is the first Tuesday of January 2006. Happy 2006, everyone! As the saying goes, "every journey ends with the potential for a new beginning." Now 2005 is over and we have started 2006. So, yes, we have the potential for a new beginning as we begin 2006. What happens this year all depends on our scope of vision and understanding. With faith, hope and courage we can all carry on in the "onward path."

We often accuse people of dreaming, even if we think their expectations are too high; but maybe a little dreaming and reaching is necessary. The lyricist wrote that "somewhere, over the rainbow, dreams really do come true." That is another way of saying that faith and hope and positive attitudes have a positive impact on our unseen, unknown, uncertain futures. Test pilots have a phrase they use to describe their climb to heights and speeds only dreamed of. They call it "punching holes in the sky" or "pushing the envelope." We, too, should do that. Unfortunately, we often aim too low. The majority of us are masters of the mediocre. We're satisfied with "good enough." We tell ourselves we're only human; the sky seems too high for punching holes. We convince ourselves it's impossible, and we stop trying.

One of the best kept secrets of success is that life is a self-fulfilling prophecy. We won't necessarily get what we want in life, but in the long run, we will usually get what we expect. Faith is the key to unlocking the door to our expectations. It's a power which everyone has, but which few

consciously use. It is not a question of whether we have the power, but whether we use it. The only real failure in our lives is the failure to try. And so, with the power of faith, we, too, might sing and realize that "somewhere, over the rainbow, dreams really do come true."

Don't let the more popular bearers of gloom, that is the people who are prepared to tell us how bad things are and how much worse they are going to get, convince us that, that is so. Well the world can be a difficult place at times. But in a difficult world, we all have the greater need for a vision that the world

can be a better place. For that reason, pessimism is a great mistake. Pessimists are forever deceived by the illusions of the moment, forever trying to force life into a static, one-dimensional prophecy of failure and defeat. On the other hand, faith, hope and love - all positive emotions - spring from an optimistic view of life, a willingness to extend ourselves.

So as we look toward the New Year of 2006, we could easily become overwhelmed at the challenges that lie ahead. If we are not careful, over-concern with the future could chase us out of the pleasures and joys of today. And today is the most valuable time we have. It is said in the Sanskrit to "look to this day for it is life, the very life of life." In other words, take advantage of today and begin moving on the "onward path."

William Faulkner said these words when he received the Nobel Prize for literature. "I believe that man will not merely endure. He will prevail. He is immortal, not because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance." So there you go, everyone. Our new beginnings in the year 2006. We are on the "onward path" and we can do it. We can and we will achieve is our positive attitude for 2006. Have a great year, everyone. May the best be yours.



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EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

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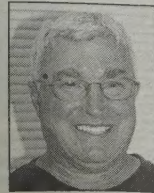
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FGM brunch salutes '06 grads

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

F. G. Miller High School principal Laverne Wilson opened the 2005 Christmas Brunch by dedicating that event to "the Grade 12s and the teachers who got them that far," as the school's senior class stood with serving spoons in hand, ready to serve the feast to schoolmates and special guests.

Wilson, attending the brunch for the third time, "twice as a bus driver, and now as an administrator," acknowledged the long-standing tradition and asked for applause for its creators, before accepting a gift from Santa, who able to attend even though "the office elves forgot to invite him."

Following the meal, guests had their first taste of entertainment, with Eric Mosley, Alex Buck, Warren Jurak and Billy Hudy playing a rocking rendition of Jingle Bells.

Colin Bjorkman, himself a graduate of the school, introduced alumni from the past five years and said, "It's good to have you back."

Alvina Schuhmacher brought greetings from the Town, on behalf of Mayor Tung and Council, and noted, "Bill and I feel very privileged to be here today. All the best in the New Year, which means great marks for everyone!"

School trustee Darrell Younghans called the brunch "a nice way to wrap up the Christmas concert season, relaxing and enjoying good food and good company." He noted that, while "the faces of the cooks change year after year, I think Mrs. Lindquist must be some kind of magician, the way this meal always turns out so well. I really appreciate the effort the students and staff put into today." He asked that over the Christmas season, students "remember your families and humor your parents, the silly rules, the family pictures, their out-of-date traditions. Some day they will be your out-of-date traditions, and when that day comes, remember the wise man who told you so."

Deputy Superintendent of Schools Carmen Brodziak called Wilson "a wonderful friend from way back. When we asked him to join us, it was a gift." Of the parents and community members in attendance, she noted, "it's wonderful to see you all involved. It takes a community to raise a child." Bringing greetings from Central Office, she also introduced her administrative support, Lucy Pasco, "who takes care of us all."

Randall Kryns and his music students wound up the program as they entertained with a series of group numbers, duets and trio selections with a holiday theme.



Former FGM principal Jim Hawkins led the way down the buffet line as the cheerful Class of 2006 stood ready to serve guests and students.



Home for Christmas! Alumni (left to right) Curtis Proskiw (2005) Leanne Wilson (2002), Carson Mutch (2002), Dean Sereda (2002), Scott Dallaire (2005), Travis Lindquist (2005) and John Braga (2004) were welcomed back by another alumnus, Colin Bjorkman, now a teacher at FGM.



Music making elves Eric Mosley, Alex Buck and Billy Hudy, kept in time with reindeer Warren Jurak on the drums.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTOS

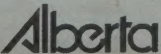
MEMO To: Alberta businesses Subject: Clearing the air

Alberta's new Smoke-Free Places Act is now in effect



Alberta's Smoke-Free Places Act took effect on **January 1, 2006.**
It prohibits smoking in any public place or workplace in Alberta that is accessible to minors.

The new Act's impact varies by municipality.
To find out more, call Alberta Connects toll-free at 310-4455 or visit www.smokefreeplaces.com



Library Seniors' Tea
today at 2:00 p.m.

OBITUARY YONELIUNAS, Peter

On December 27, 2005 Mr. Peter Yoneliunas of Elk Point passed away at the age of 84 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Dora; 1 son & 1 daughter, Roger (Shelley) of Elk Point & Elsie (Paul) Vandervoort of Edmonton; 3 grandchildren, Lucas, Carlos and Cecilia; 1 sister Anele Simukauskiene of Lithuania; 1 nephew, David (Valerie) Druteika of Edmonton & numerous other nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Peter & Katrina & 2 sisters, Adele Bartkus & Anne Druteika.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, December 30 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Elk Point. Reverend Father Zbigniew Bebenek was the celebrant with interment in Elk Point East Cemetery, Elk Point. Yewchin's Funeral Chapel Ltd., St. Paul (780) 645-5177.

OBITUARY SMITH, Vivian M.

On December 28, 2005 Mrs. Vivian M. Smith of Elk Point, formerly of Turtle Creek, New Brunswick, passed away at the age of 72 years.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Brenda Smith of Elk Point; 3 grandchildren, Kevin (Tammy) Smith of Elk Point, Kelly (Scott) Bannister of Derwent and Karri (Chris) Desaulniers of Kitscoty; 6 great-grandchildren, Stephan and Katelynn Bannister, Kevin and Mason Smith, & Kirsten & Cody Desaulniers; 4 brothers & 3 sisters; 1 brother-in-law & 1 sister-in-law; also many nieces, nephews & close friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Leonard & Dorothy Lutes; sister, Bina Garland & brother, Dean Lutes.

A Funeral Service was held Monday, January 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel, St. Paul. Pastor Jim MacLellan officiated & cremation followed. If desired, donations may be made to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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October

A total of 287 award recipients were honoured at F. G. Miller High School for the past school year, with Marguerite Friesen picking up the Premier's Citizenship Award for daughter

Valerie.... Elk Point Elementary students, staff and parents were part of a world-wide Walk to School Day aimed at raising awareness of the benefits of physical fitness... Changes were on the way for Christmas Extravaganza, as planning got underway for the December 2 event... Town Council took the first steps towards Elk Point's community centennial celebrations in 2007 as they discussed potential centennial projects... The County urged the Allied Arts Society to move forward with a feasibility study on their potential facility... Elk Point's first physician, Dr. F. G. Miller, was named one of Alberta's 100 Physicians of the Century.

November

The community took up the torch and hosted the first Remembrance Day celebrations without the now-closed Royal Canadian Legion branch, commemorating the memory of the branch itself as well as of those who served in the military... MLA Ray Danyluk presented the most steadfast member of Branch #151 with a framed Alberta Centennial medallion in acknowledgment of the branch's service in the past... Both schools also held Remembrance Day observances... Elk Point Elks and members of five other area lodges enjoyed a visit from Grand Exalted Ruler Mark

Montgomery... A committee of the Chamber went looking for financial pledges to fund an economic development officer position... Approval was given by Council for subdivision of a parcel of land for residential development at their November meeting... A Disneyland trip draw and entertainment including rising star Tiffany Dowhan were added to the Extravaganza lineup... A dozen area residents received Alberta Centennial medals, but only one, Margaret Modin, was nominated provincially, federally and by a group for the honour... Sixteen staff members were honoured for a total of 190 years of service at Elk Point Health Centre... Jim and Winnie Shepherd celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

December

Snow flurries and biting winds were ignored as Elk Point enjoyed the Winter Wonderland Parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, stage entertainment and other Christmas Extravaganza activities... Meanwhile, east of town, a massive manhunt was underway for a parole violator wanted on a Canada-wide warrant, with the man captured the next morning at Frog Lake... Heinsburg Community School dedicated their craft sale to longtime community member and valued craft show vendor, the late Jim Vinge... Nine Heinsburg students received computers at the year's first celebration of attendance and achievements... Town Council voted to support the Northern Lights Library System's levy increase... Concerts, beautifully decorated homes and an interfaith cantata brought the Christmas spirit alive, despite the lack of snow and cold weather for the festive season, as the Chamber hung up an EDO-sized Christmas stocking and Tara Cameron was announced as the winner of the family trip to



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